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FOL RPT SAN JOSE 1021 ACTION SECSTATE DATED 11 MAR 77

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN JOSE 1021

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PINT, CS

SUBJECT: IRS TESTIMONY

REF: A. STATE 53375

B. SAN JOSE 352

1. COSTA RICAN AUTHORITIES HAVE NO LEGAL OR POLICY
OBJECTION TO TAKING OF DEPOSITIONS IN COSTA RICA BY A U.S.
COURT-APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE WHO IS NOT AN ACCREDITED U.S.
CONSULAR OR DIPLOMATIC OFFICER REGARDLESS OF WHERE TAKEN.
FORMIN FACIO WAS CLEAR ON THIS POINT WHEN IT WAS DISCUSSED
WITH CHARGE FEB. 10 (QUESTION WAS RAISED WITH FACIO IN
CONTEXT OF TRAVEL OF COURT-APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE NOT
ACCREDITED TO EMBASSY).

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, FACIO ALSO SAID THAT "PROPER
PLACE" FOR FOREIGN GOVERNMENT TO TAKE DEPOSITION IS ITS
EMBASSY. BY "FOREIGN GOVERNMENT" FACIO WAS CLEARLY IN-
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CLUDING ANY U.S. OFICIAL, COURT-APPOINTED, OR WHOEVER,
WH WOULD TRAVEL TO COSTA RICA FOR THIS PURPOSE.

3. EMBASSY MUST REGISTER ITS FURTHER CONCERN ON
SENSITIVITY OF SUCH DEPOSITION-TAKING AWAY FROM
EMBASSY DUE TO LOCAL POLITICAL SITUATION. COSTA RICA
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES TAKE PLACE MARCH 13.

POLITICAL FEELINGS THESE DAYS ARE HIGH. CORRUPTION
IN GOVERNMENT, OF WHICH VESCO PRESENCE IS ALREADY AN
ISSUE, WILL BE A THEME INCREASINGLY HEARD. IF
VESCO AND HIS ACCOMPLICES ARRANGE TO GET A U.S. COURT
TO RULE THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE TO DEPOSE IN EMBASSY
DUE TO JUDGE'S INABILITY TO GUARANTEE THAT WITNESSES
WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO ARREST, VESCO'S ALLEGATION
OF USG PERSECUTION WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCED
AND IT WOULD BE PUBLICIZED HERE ACCORDINGLY. THIS
DEVELOPMENT WOULD LIKELY BYUSED BY ONE
POLITICAL SIDE OR THE OTHER TO DETRIMENT OF U.S.
ORM EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT IRS APPEAL
JUDGE'S ORDER ON ABOVE AND ON PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED
POLITICAL GROUNDS.
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